

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

**UNITED STATES, et al., ex rel., TIMOTHY
SIRLS,**

Plaintiffs,

v.

KINDRED HEALTHCARE, INC., et al.,

Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION

NO. 16-0683-KSM

ORDER

AND NOW, this 7th day of October, 2024, upon consideration of Special Master Honorable (Ret.) Thomas J. Rueter's August 19, 2024 Report and Recommendation (the "August R&R") (Doc. No. 192), Relator's objections (Doc. No. 197), Defendants' opposition brief (Doc. No. 200), Defendants' objections (Doc. No. 199), Relator's opposition brief (Doc. No. 204), and Defendants' reply brief (Doc. No. 206), it is **ORDERED** that the August R&R is **APPROVED AND ADOPTED IN PART** as follows:

1. Relators' objections (Doc. No. 197) are **OVERRULED**.
2. Defendants' objections (Doc. No. 199) are **SUSTAINED**. The relevant period for discovery is January 1, 2008 to February 11, 2016.
3. The remainder of the August R&R (Doc. No. 192) is **APPROVED AND ADOPTED**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/Karen Spencer Marston

KAREN SPENCER MARSTON, J.